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**DOD's STANDARD PROCUREMENT SYSTEM WINS
CIO ENTERPRISE VALUE AWARD**

FAIRFAX, Va. – November 1, 2005 – The Standard Procurement System (SPS) today announced that *CIO* Magazine selected the Program as the government winner of the magazine's 14th Annual *CIO* Enterprise Value Awards. The *CIO* Enterprise Value Awards are awarded annually to one organization in each participating industry. The winners demonstrate the best use of sound, innovative information technology techniques to achieve business objectives.

SPS develops a suite of software products that automate and standardize the procurement process across the Department of Defense (DoD). The software supports more than 23,000 DoD procurement personnel throughout the United States and in 15 countries. SPS is the first and only Department-wide standard business system recognized by DoD.

"SPS is a key component of DoD's business transformation efforts. The Program brings efficiency to the procurement process, speeding delivery of goods and services to America's Warfighters in locations around the world. We are honored to receive this award and to be included in a category of such elite winners," said SPS Program Manager COL Quentin Peach.

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As the winner of the government category, SPS is eligible for the Grand *CIO* Enterprise Value Award, which will be chosen from the 11 industry winners. The announcement of the Grand Award winner will be at a ceremony held in Phoenix, Ariz., on Nov. 6.

An in-depth look at SPS will be featured in the Feb. 15 edition of *CIO* Magazine. More information on the SPS Program can be found online at www.spscoe.sps.eis.army.mil.

About the Standard Procurement System (SPS)

SPS began in 1997 as a DoD initiative to replace more than 70 diverse contract-writing systems with a standard system that would provide a technology-based solution to DoD's financial management challenges. First deployed in 1997, SPS is currently used by 23,000+ DoD contracting professionals in approximately 800 locations worldwide. SPS provides a standard, automated procurement process that integrates seamlessly with other Defense financial and logistics software systems. SPS will be formally transferred to the Defense Business Transformation Agency in 2006.